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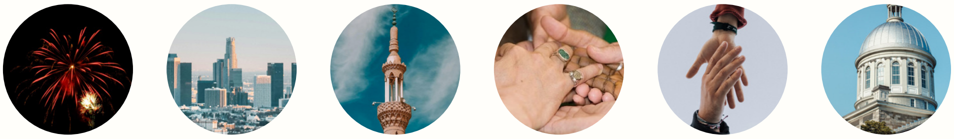

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يٰٓاَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللّٰهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ
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خَبِيْرٌۢ بِمَا تَعْمَلُوْنَ

O ye who believe! fear Allah; and let every soul look to what it sends forth for the morrow. And fear Allah; verily Allah is Well-Aware of what you do.

اے وہ لوگو جو ایمان لائے ہو! اللہ کا تقویٰ اختیار کرو اور ہر جان یہ نظر رکھے کہ وہ کل کے لئے کیا آگے بھیج رہی ہے۔ اور اللہ کا تقویٰ اختیار کرو۔ یقیناً اللہ اس سے جو تم کرتے ہو ہمیشہ باخبر رہتا ہے۔

(59:19)

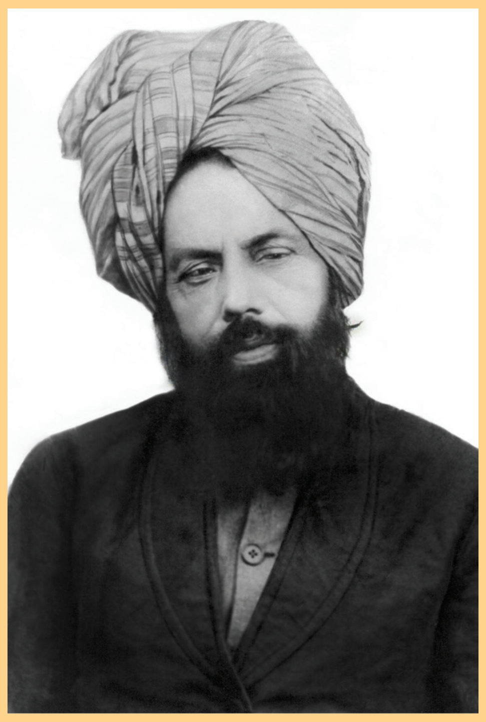
محمد
صلى الله عليه وسلم

لَيْسَ الْغِنَى عَنْ كَثْرَةِ الْعَرَضِ، وَلَكِنَّ
الْغِنَى غِنَى النَّفْسِ

The Holy Prophet^{sa} said, "Wealth is not in having many possessions, but rather (true) wealth is feeling sufficiency in the soul."

نبی کریم صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم نے فرمایا: ”امیری یہ نہیں ہے کہ سامان زیادہ ہو، بلکہ امیری یہ ہے کہ دل غنی ہو۔“

(صحیح بخاری، کتاب الرقاق، باب الْغِنَى غِنَى النَّفْسِ)



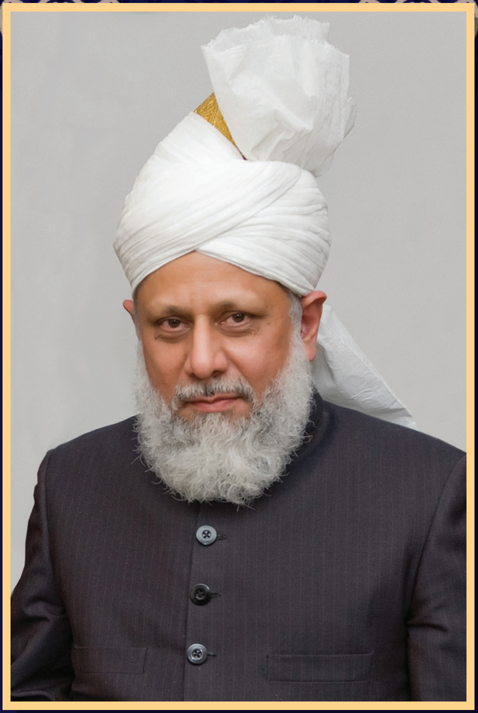
THE PROMISED MESSIAH^{AS}

”یاد رکھو۔ نری بیعت سے کچھ نہیں ہوتا۔ اللہ تعالیٰ اس رسم سے راضی نہیں ہوتا جب تک کہ حقیقی بیعت کے مفہوم کو ادا نہ کرے۔ اس وقت تک یہ بیعت بیعت نہیں نری رسم ہے۔ اس لئے ضروری ہے کہ بیعت کے حقیقی منشاء کو پورا کرنے کی کوشش کرو... سچے مسلمان اور جھوٹے مسلمان میں یہی فرق ہوتا ہے کہ جھوٹا مسلمان باتیں بناتا ہے کرتا کچھ نہیں۔ اور اس کے مقابلہ میں حقیقی مسلمان عمل کر کے دکھاتا ہے، باتیں نہیں بناتا۔“

(ملفوظات جلد 6 صفحہ 404-405۔ ایڈیشن 1984ء)

“Remember, merely doing Bai'at [pledging allegiance] means nothing. Allah the Almighty is not satisfied with this ritual unless he fulfills the meaning of true Bai'at. Until then, this Bai'at is not a Bai'at but merely a ritual. Therefore, it is important to try to fulfill the true intention of the pledge of allegiance.... The difference between a true Muslim and a false Muslim is that a false Muslim only talks and does nothing. And in contrast to this, a real Muslim shows his actions, and is not all talk."

(Malfuzat, vol. 6, pp. 404-405, 1984 ed.)



HAZRAT KHALIFATUL - MASIH V^{AA}

”اللہ تعالیٰ تو غیب کا علم جانتا ہے۔ وہ تو ہمارے سینوں میں چھپی ہوئی باتوں کا خوب علم رکھتا ہے۔ ہر بات اس کے علم میں ہے۔ اگر ہمارے قول و فعل میں تضاد ہو گا تو وہ فرمائے گا کہ تم جھوٹ بولتے ہو، تم کامل فرمانبرداروں میں نہیں ہو کیونکہ تمہارے قول و فعل میں تضاد ہے۔ کہتے کچھ ہو کرتے کچھ ہو۔ اس لئے ایمان لانے والوں کو دوسری جگہ اللہ تعالیٰ نے یہ نصیحت فرمائی کہ یٰۤاَیُّھَاالَّذِیْنَ اٰمَنُوْا لِمَ تَقُوْلُوْنَ مَا لَا تَفْعَلُوْنَ۔ کَبُرَ مَقْتًا عِنْدَاللّٰہِ اَنْ تَقُوْلُوْا مَالَا تَفْعَلُوْنَ (الصف: ۳-۴)۔ کہ اے وہ لوگو جو ایمان لائے ہو! تم کیوں وہ کہتے ہو جو کرتے نہیں۔ اللہ کے نزدیک یہ بہت بڑا گناہ ہے کہ تم وہ کہو جو تم کرتے نہیں۔“

(خطبہ جمعہ فرمودہ ۴ جون ۲۰۰۴ء)

“Allah knows the knowledge of the unseen. He knows very well what is hidden in our hearts. He knows everything. If there is a contradiction between our words and our deeds, He will say that you are lying, you are not displaying true obedience because there is a contradiction between your words and your deeds. You say something yet do something else. For this reason, Allah the Almighty advised those who believe:

یٰۤاَیُّھَا الَّذِیْنَ اٰمَنُوْا لِمَ تَقُوْلُوْنَ مَا لَا تَفْعَلُوْنَ۔ کَبُرَ مَقْتًا عِنْدَاللّٰہِ اَنْ تَقُوْلُوْا مَالَا تَفْعَلُوْنَ (As-Saff: 3-4)

That is, O ye who believe! Why do you say that which you do not do? It is a great sin in the sight of Allah that you say that which you do not do.”

(Friday Sermon 4 June 2004)

By **Fateh Alam**
(Rabiah)

STARTING THE NEW YEAR THE RIGHT WAY

New Year's celebrations happen all over the world, full of excitement for the possibilities of the year ahead. These celebrations have unique styles that show the various traditions of religions and what they believe in.

Individuals celebrate in their own ways by engaging in singing, dancing, drinking, and other activities. However, as Ahmadi Muslims, how do we commemorate this occasion? We celebrate by turning to God, expressing gratitude, and praying for our spiritual growth in the coming year. Sadly, the purpose of our very existence has been forgotten by many.

The Holy Qur'an states:

وَمَا خَلَقۡتُ الۡجِنَّ وَالۡاِنۡسَ اِلَّا لِيَعۡبُدُوۡنِ ۝

"And I have not created the Jinn and the men but that they may worship Me." [51:57]

The sole purpose of our existence in this world is to worship God, seek nearness to Him, and strive for righteousness. It is crucial not to lose sight of this purpose in our lives.

During his Friday Sermon on January 1, 2010, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih V^{aa} stated:

"Today, God has given us an opportunity to adorn the very first day of the year with prayers. Pray for yourself, for your family, for Ahmadiyyat, the true Islam. Pray for the environment, for society and your country. A true believer prays for the country of which one is a citizen. These are the obligations that

Ahmadis are entrusted with. Now, the permanence of the world, of mankind is with the prayers of an Ahmadi and it leads to Paradise. However, if we are not treading these paths ourselves, how can we show the way to the world?"

Starting the year off correctly is crucial, and prayer plays an essential role in achieving that. Without prayer we are nothing, for it is the very reason we are created.

Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih IV^{rh} relates an incident from his life in which he states:

"Once in the UK, it was New Year's Eve and the next day was about to begin. During the night, at 12:00 AM, thousands of people had gathered at Trafalgar square; on this night, people start getting drunk and busy by crossing all the limits of human indecency, and when 12:00 AM hits, then they think there are no limits on anything, no religious obligations, complete freedom. By chance that night, I happened to be at Euston Station. I had the thought, like all Ahmadis do, this was nothing special on my part. By the Grace of Allah the Almighty, the majority of Ahmadis begin the New Year in the same manner. They pray at 12:00 AM. So I also had that chance and I stood at the station and laid out a newspaper on the ground and offered my nawafil (voluntary prayer) there. After some time, I felt as if someone was standing beside me and I had not yet completed my prayers when I heard someone weeping. A person was weeping. After completing my prayers, I saw an elderly Englishman in tears crying like a child. I became concerned and thought that perhaps he was sympathizing with me, and was crying because he thinks I am crazy. So I asked him what happened? He replied: "Nothing has happened to me, something has happened to my nation. The entire nation is busy in the New Years, involved in all sorts of immoral acts and there is only one person who is remembering their Lord at this time. This incident had left such a profound effect on my heart that I was unable to hold back my tears." and he kept on saying "God bless you, God bless you, God bless you, God bless you." So the reality is that even if the entire world laughs and makes fun of us, even then an Ahmadi youth should not care one bit, for he has every right to exercise his freedom and is answerable to God Almighty alone."

(Friday Sermon - August 20, 1982)

> Amidst the celebrations of thousands in the streets, we shouldn't hesitate to express gratitude to the One who has given us all that we have and for granting us another year of life.

On New Year's, it's customary for individuals to set resolutions, which are personal promises made at the beginning of the year to better themselves. Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah^{as} has given us advice which we should follow as Ahmadi Muslims and this should be our resolution.

The Promised Messiah^{as}, has given us guidance that all Ahmadi Muslims should act on, thus we must make it our resolution to follow his teachings.

The Promised Messiah^{as} states:

'My entire Jama'at who is present here and others, listen to this advice very attentively, that those who entered this Jama'at and are associated to me as followers, it is meant that by doing so they achieve good deeds, and they reach the highest standards of God fearing piety, and no mischief or ill acts can come near them. They are the people who offer Salat five times a day, they abstain from dishonesty, they never harm anyone from their tongue, they never perform any wrongdoing, and they don't even have any thought of committing any harmful act, hence they prevent themselves from all sorts of criminal acts, bad words, hurtful actions, and all psychic emotions and immoral deeds. They are Allah's clean hearted people who don't spread any dispute, and who are humble, kind people and they should not have any sort of ill thought in their souls. It should be their principle to help mankind and they be fearful of Allah, and they should protect their hands, and tongues, and hearts from immoralities, and they should pray five times a day with utmost sincerity, and they should protect themselves from maltreatment, illegality, bribery and biasness. They should not sit in a bad company. And hence you are required to not keep any relation with a person who is does not fulfill the commandments of Allah, or who does not care about fulfilling the rights of the people, or who is mischievous by character, or who is immoral in his acts, or he who does not keep good thoughts about the Promised Messiah^{as} and he who inflicts harm on other people through bad deeds.'

Thus, it's important to follow the guidance provided by the Promised Messiah^{as} to better ourselves and elevate our spirituality. As the New Year approaches, I pray that may Allah bless this New Year and may He give us the strength to start the year off with nawafil prayer (voluntary prayer) to reap the benefits of Allah's favors.

A SHINING EXAMPLE FOR TODAY’S YOUTH

The Early life of Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud[ra]

By **Tahir Wadood**
(Khamisah)

The Promised Messiah[as] states regarding the prophecy of the Promised Son:

“.... Rejoice, therefore, that a handsome and pure boy will be bestowed on you; you will receive an unblemished youth who will be of your seed and will be of your progeny. A handsome and pure boy is coming as your guest. His name is Emmanuel and also Bashir. He has been invested with a spirit of holiness, and he is free from all impurity. He is the light of Allah. Blessed is he who comes from heaven. He will be accompanied by grace which shall arrive with him. He will be characterized with grandeur, greatness and wealth. He will come into the world and will heal many of their disorders through his Messianic qualities and through the blessings of the spirit of holiness. He is the Word of Allah for Allah’s mercy and honor have equipped him with the Word of Majesty. He will be extremely intelligent and perceptive and will be meek of heart and will be filled with secular and spiritual knowledge.”

It was the 12th of January 1889, when two blessed incidents occurred. The ten conditions of Bai’at were implemented and the Promised Son was born. He was named Bashir-ud-Deen Mahmood Ahmad. The Promised Messiah[as] spent 40 days in Hoshiarpur in complete seclusion, and as he was praying to God he received a revelation about this son. One of the prophecies of this glad tiding of this son was that he would live a long life, however, whilst describing the youth of Hazrat Musleh Mau’ud[ra], Huzoor[ra] himself states that when he was in his youth his health was quite poor, to the point that at times it seemed as if he was wavering between life and death. It was thought that a child with such health could not live a long life. Furthermore, he had an ailment of the eyes, to the extent that he was practically unable to see out of one of them. He was also diagnosed with various other ailments and illnesses. He struggled with his studies, and his teachers would complain to his father, the Promised Messiah[as], about his poor performance. There seemed to be a lack of hope that Mahmood would not be able to survive for that long but it was solely due to the Grace and blessings of Allah the Almighty who granted him the ability to live a full life.

In the Friday Sermon of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V[aa] delivered on February 18th 2022, Huzoor[aa] stated that Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Deen Mahmood Ahmad[ra] presented an example of how God Himself bestowed knowledge upon him. Once, when he was young, he had a dream in which he heard the ringing of a loud bell. He then saw a frame forming, and within the frame there was a picture. The picture began moving, and then the image came out of the frame in the form of a person, who claimed to be an angel of God. He said that he had been sent to teach him the meanings of Surah al-Fatihah, the opening chapter of the Holy Qur'an. Thus, he began teaching until the verse 'Thee alone do we implore for help' came. The angel then said that up until then, all the commentators had written their commentaries only up to that verse. Then he proceeded to teach Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud[ra] the commentary of the entire chapter. This signified that Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud[ra] was bestowed with true knowledge of the Holy Qur'an. Thus, Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud[ra] made an open challenge to the world that no one could challenge his knowledge of the Holy Qur'an. This bore true, as no one was able to accept this challenge.

Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Deen Mahmood Ahmad sahib[ra] states: "We once created an association to enable its members to become good speakers and debaters, and the best speakers were awarded prizes. Whenever I delivered a speech, I would always be cross-examined and criticized by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I[ra]. This practice continued for some time. My mind deceived me as I began to believe that Maulvi sahib was too harsh with me. Hence, I wrote an article for a school fellow who was a novice speaker and gave it to him to read out. When he had finished reading it, Hazrat Maulvi sahib was full of praise for him. Upon this my feelings that Maulvi sahib was strict with me were reinforced." (Fazl-e-Umar, p. 56)

For an ordinary person, it takes them quite some time to discover the existence of God and they are in fact convinced about His existence after months, years or even a whole lifetime. However, the example of Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud[ra] is quite extraordinary as he came to the ultimate realization of God's existence at such a young age. In 1900, when Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud[ra] was 11 years old, he began wondering whether there was a God and why he believed in Him. He said that even at that age, he pondered a great deal, and eventually came to the certainty that God truly exists. He was overjoyed at this realization and prayed that he may never doubt God's existence. It was at that same age, that Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud[ra] wore a cloak of the Promised Messiah[as] and prayed profusely. Later, when pondering over the truth of Ahmadiyyat, he thought that if God exists, then the Holy Prophet[sa] is true. If the Holy Prophet[sa] is true, then so too is the Promised Messiah[as]. Thus, if the Promised Messiah[as] is true, then Ahmadiyyat must be true as well. One night, he was looking at the stars and thought what is there beyond the stars? He came to the realisation that there could be more stars. He kept asking what would be beyond that, then he came to

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the same realization that if something like stars can seem to be never-ending, then surely God is Limitless. Thus, this was yet another example of how this child who did not complete a formal education, was filled with such intricate thoughts and realisations, as a result of the knowledge bestowed upon him by God Himself.

From a young age, Hazrat Musleh Mau’ud^{ra} knew the importance of religion and prayers. Once, a very important football match was being played between Talimul Islam School Qadian and Khalsa Collegiate. Khalsa Collegiate was a very strong team and the result was almost certain. By 15-20 minutes in the second half, no team had scored any goal. The tensions were high and the audience was also feeling the pressure of the importance of the game. At the climax of the match when other players were encouraging each other with different slogans, Hazrat Musleh Mau’ud^{ra}, who was also playing, prayed to God "ghairul maghdubi 'alaihim", that is, [guide us along the path of those who] have not incurred Thy displeasure (Surah al-Fatihah, 1:7). By God’s Grace, Talimul Islam School scored the winning goal. The second the goal was scored, all the players no matter where they were standing and whatever direction they were facing collectively fell into prostration while invoking the words Allaho Akbar! This victory strengthened the faith of the boys and their belief in the acceptance of prayers. (Al-Hakam. March 22, 1908)

Hazrat Musleh Mau’ud^{ra} was only 19 years old when the Promised Messiah^{as} passed away. The members of the Jama`at were very worried about what would happen now. What is the future of the Jama'at? At this crucial time of history, Mahmood stepped forward and stood beside the bed of the Promised Messiah^{as} and said, “O Allah! I promise You that I will continue the mission of the Promised Messiah^{as} even if all the members leave the Jama'at and this entire world stands against me.” Later, Huzoor^{ra} mentioned that there are different phases in one’s life, but at the time of making this pledge, I could feel that my soul and entire body were behind this commitment. I could feel that some unknown power was assuring me of His support. (Al-Fazl June 21, 1944).

My dear brothers, there are countless great accomplishments and inspiring incidents that describe the life and character of Hazrat Musleh Mau’ud^{ra} as a young boy and indeed he was a role model for the youth and the youth yet to come. We can learn so much from his life and apply it to our own lives. His early life, his time as a Khalifa and his character are all golden examples for us to follow and we should try and adapt these qualities and act upon them. In the end, I hope and pray that may God the Almighty enable all of us to act upon the teachings of our beloved Khalifa Hazrat Musleh Mau’ud^{ra}.

I end my article with the words of Hazrat Masih Mau’ud^{as} he writes:

بشارت دی کہ اک بیٹا ہے تیرا
جو ہوگا ایک دن محبوب میرا
کروں گا دُور اُس مہ سے اندھیرا
دکھاؤں گا کہ اک عالم کو پھیرا
بشارت کیا ہے اک دل کی غذا دی
فَسُبْحَانَ الَّذِی اَخْزَی الْاَعَادِي

Thou gave glad tidings that, ‘There is a son of yours Who shall one day become a beloved of Mine. I shall remove all darkness from that moon! And I shall show that he transformed the world! What a tiding! Thou gave nourishment for the heart, Holy is He Who has confounded my foes.”

Asadullah Choudhry (Rabiah)
Daanish Malik (Thalithah)

A BRIEF RECOLLECTION OF WAQF-E-ARZI IN *LOS ANGELES*

From the 31st of July to the 14th of August, 12 students of Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada traveled to the bustling city of Los Angeles to perform their annual Waqf-e-Arzi.

Murabbi Ehteshamul Haqq Kauser Sahib oversaw the group in all duties and responsibilities. Students performed many activities in service of the Jama'at. Some of the activities included daily tahajjud, going door to door performing tabligh, leading the five daily prayers in Baitul Hameed Mosque and the 13 surrounding Salat centers, and delivering both short and long Duroos. Six students delivered Friday Sermons as well. Some of the highlights of the Waqf-e-Arzi included:

Visit to the grave of a companion of the Promised Messiah^{as}

One of the first things scheduled in this Waqf-e-Arzi was a visit to the grave of a companion of the Promised Messiah^{as}. Not many know of Hazrat Charles Francis Sievwright^{ra}. He was an Australian born Christian who heard of the message of the Promised Messiah^{as} and visited Qadian which led to his acceptance of Ahmadiyyat. Later on, he moved to Los Angeles where he passed away in 1934. His story was lost for nearly a century, but a Jamia student's research for his thesis along with Huzoor-e- Anwar's^{aa} visit to Los Angeles in 2013 led to this discovery. His faith inspiring story was shared with all the students by Murabbi Kausar Sahib and hence, the students had the blessed opportunity to pray for him.

Daily Tabligh

One of the main aims of this Waqf-e-Arzi was to propagate the message as far and wide as possible. Thus, we would set out every day with flyers to knock on doors to invite members of local homes to a barbecue hosted by the Jama'at. This barbeque was arranged to introduce locals to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and to initiate discussions with them. This also enabled the local Jama'at to build a healthy relationship with the community and to assimilate the Jama'at's presence in the area. The students spent three hours every day going door to door to the homes and stores around the mosque. By the end of the two weeks, students personally gave out 2,900 flyers, reaching 1,200 homes and 150 stores. Ten churches were invited to attend the event as well. Families at local parks were invited to attend. Over 130 phone numbers and 100 email addresses were collected from the locals.

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Along with performing tabligh, students also had the responsibility of planning, preparing, and running the barbecue. Students prepared a menu for the food, set up the mosque for a tour, prepared scripts, and set up seating for food. Students helped in preparing the food as well, making 500 patties by hand. On the day of the barbecue, over 135 guests attended. When the neighbors of the mosque arrived, we were able to show our hospitality to these guests. A tour of the mosque was given to every guest introducing Islam, our mosque, providing an insight as to what our community's values and beliefs are. We explained our motto of "Love for all, hatred for none" and how we abide by it and strive to fulfill it in the best manner. Then we ate with local members and answered any questions they might have.

Additionally, before the Waqf-e-Arzi began, students made fliers and banners in both English and Spanish.

This was an enjoyable experience due to the conversations students were able to have with the public, learning more about the people themselves and what exactly their thoughts of the mosque and Islam are. This was a good opportunity to mitigate misconceptions about Islam and utilize the knowledge gained in Jamia. It was also an opportunity to explain who we are and why we young men were out in the scorching heat at their door in our summer break. Through this experience, we learned how to plan and hold tabligh event on a large scale, how to present Islam Ahmadiyyat in such a manner which is appealing to the local community, and the importance of building contacts and bridging relations with the community.

Khidmat-e-Khalq in Downtown

Another aim of this Waqf-e-Arzi was to perform acts of service for the community. Under this initiative, students had the opportunity to prepare and distribute meals for the less fortunate. Students prepared and packed 153 meals by hand. These meals were then taken and distributed in Skid Row, a community known to contain the largest population of the homeless in the United States dating back to the 1930s. Two cars were taken to this neighborhood and students carefully handed the food out to the locals. This was an eye opening experience for all of us. To see people living in such unfortunate circumstances in comparison to the ultra rich billionaires who lived a few miles away in Bel Air and Beverly Hills. We left truly grateful for all that we had.

Tarbiyati Camp

Another aim of this Waqf-e-Arzi was to connect with local members, particularly the youth. For this, the students held a "Tarbiyati Camp", during which youth from the ages of 8 to 25 were split up into groups based on their age. Each group was headed by a student. Presentations on atheism and other major religions were prepared and delivered by students. Many insightful discussions led by the students were held with the youth. The aim of this camp was to address concerns of the youth and answer any questions that were relevant to them. The participants left with a new understanding of their religion.

Tabligh in San Diego

Located about two hours south of Los Angeles, San Diego is another Jama'at in the state of California. On the 6th of August, six students were assigned to go to the city and spend the day performing tabligh with the local president. They spent the afternoon engaging with the public via signs and fliers. They incorporated the "I'm a Muslim, ask me anything" sign and the "Guess this historical figure" signs. Through these efforts they were able to hold over 140 interactions and 15 detailed discussions. Countless allegations regarding Islam were dispelled. Students learned to engage the public and overcome any lingering fears of public speaking. By the end of the day, all the students were confident in their ability to speak with strangers on Islam. Through these efforts some contacts were created as well.

MEET a MUSLIM
ASK Me ANYTHING!

Audiobook Recording for Alislam

In the midst of the Waqf-e-Arzi, Murrabi Kauser Sahib received a request from the Alislam team for the students to record audiobooks. Murrabi sahib gathered all the students and shared this opportunity with them. Then he assigned six teams of two students each to record audiobooks of Ruhani Khaza'in in English. Over the course of two days, six books were recorded and sent to Alislam.

Mosque tour with Assemblyman

The students had the opportunity to host local assemblyman Freddie Rodriguez. The students assisted Murrabi Kauser Sahib with cleaning and preparing the mosque for a tour. They also set up banners and other arrangements for the assemblyman. They welcomed Assemblyman Rodriguez and observed Murabbi Sahib as he gave the official tour. They also helped arrange lunch and had a meal with the Assemblyman and his staff before departure.

This was an insightful experience on how to welcome and engage dignitaries and other government officials, as it is key to build relations with the local government.

Conclusion

All in all, this was a very insightful experience for all 12 students who attended. Through this, we were able to gain an insight into the daily life we can expect in the field. Although we cannot speak for others, we came into this hesitant and unsure of what to expect. We came knowing that we have countless things to work on to prepare us for the field. After spending these two weeks shadowing an active missionary and living a life filled with nothing but Jama'at work, we believe that we left Los Angeles a bit more prepared for the field.

DEAR
ALLAH
THE ALMIGHTY

Dear Allah the Almighty
Dear God,
The world is in shambles
Yet the seeds of reformation have grown
And have kept me under its shade

The sun you created shines bright on me
And I follow him with no hesitation
And the moon you sent after him
Guides me away from misconceptions

Dear Allah,
The people are in shambles
The things they're indulged in scare me
Their agendas and motives are terrifying

But the stars you created prayed for me
And The North Star calls me to righteousness
And the stars before him
Have created this safe haven we know as Ahmadiyyat today

Dear Master,
I am not in shambles
For you have sent the sun and the moon
Star after star
And You have even given me a map to follow

All I ask of you dear Allah,
Is to guide me
Send me down the path that leads me straight To you
For a man without you,

Is nothing

By **Mahir Mahmood**
(Khamisah)

WAQF-E-ARZI EXPERIENCE 2023 AS A WAQF-E-ZINDAGI

By **Intisar Raja**
(U'la)

As a Waqf-e-Nau, you are born with love for Allah and a strong bond with Khilafat, which requires letting go of ordinary things. As a Waqf-e-Nau, you are a blessed soldier born into the Jama'at of the Promised Messiah^{as}, requiring early love for Allah and a strong connection with Khilafat, staying connected with Jama'at, attending Auxiliary, Jama'at, and Waqf-e-Nau programs, seeking valuable guidance from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aa}, and seeking assistance from the Waqf-e-Nau Department.

Growing up as a Waqf-e-Nau, I felt unique and distinct from my friends. However, this led to huge expectations in school. I had a responsibility to not follow the trends of others, knowing that the Jama'at had something bigger for me to accomplish in the future. I focused on my goals, avoiding all distractions while keeping the image of Waqf at the forefront of my mind.

Alhamdulilah, this year I completed my first year at Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada. At Jamia, I am reforming myself spiritually and morally whilst engaging in an unparalleled religious education based on the teachings of the Holy Qur'an, the traditions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa} and the works of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad^{as}. During my time in Jamia this year, I was blessed to hear that my request to do Waqf-e-Arzi in the UK was graciously accepted by Hazrat Khailfatul Masih V^{aa}, Alhamdulillah.

> *Waqf-e-Nau are very **special**, but they will have to prove to be **special***
>
> Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aa}

My Experience In The UK

I had the blessed opportunity to offer congregational prayers behind our Beloved Huzur^{aa}. I was inside Masjid Mubarak waiting for Huzur's^{aa} arrival to lead the prayer. I felt spiritually uplifted and watched with joy as my beloved leader walked in and said 'Assalamu Alaikum' and then went on to lead the prayer. By the Grace of Allah, I had various Waqf-e-Arzi duties in Islamabad from parking duty to security, in which by the Grace of Allah I learned a lot about leadership and responsibility. Working under the department of Hifazat-e-Markaz taught me many useful things and made me a better duty-serving soldier through the rigorous traning we received from the extremely tough and busy days closer to Jalsa Salana, with a lot of traffic and guests coming to Islamabad. However, the hard work paid off with a strange form of satisfaction one can only get from presenting great sacrifices. Apart from duty, I had the blessed opportunity to pray at the tombs of Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih IV^{rh}, and his respected wife Hazrat Asifa Begum^{rh}, alongside getting a chance to take a look at some key buildings in Islamabad such as Masjid Mubarak, Masroor Hall, and the room in which Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aa} holds his virtual and group Mulaqats. Alhamdulillah, I am truly grateful for this opportunity and I hope and pray that everyone gets the chance to spend a certain amount of time in their lives in the presence of Huzoor^{aa}. The Mulaqat and time I spent in the presence of Huzoor^{aa} motivated me to keep going and fulfill my oath and purpose in life in the best possible manner.

Moreover, there was an incident where I was on duty and it was raining really hard, and my duty was in an area which was isolated from the center of Islamabad yet in the clear view of the property of Huzoor's^{aa} residence. When it became dark, a respected gentleman came out from Huzoor's^{aa} property and started to ask me questions and then offered me chai and told me to take a rest because of the rain. I had a great conversation with him in which he said that there was no need to worry - just sit here and have your chai and biscuits as my duty was soon about to end. I am grateful for that man who showed such care despite never meeting him before. I then introduced myself and told him about my Waqf-e-Arzi and that I came all the way from Canada as a student in Jamia which he was happy to hear. This is just one of the many blessed moments that occurred throughout my experience of doing Waqf-e-Arzi. I am truly grateful for this memorable experience, Alhamdulillah.

Moreover, I was fortunate to attend parts of Jalsa Salana UK despite my packed duty schedule, especially the last session and have the opportunity to take part in the Bai'at ceremony, which was a humble, emotional, and spiritual moment as our Beloved Huzoor[aa] was leading it before my eyes and I was surrounded by my brothers from all different walks of life, coming together to unite and fulfill the pledge to strive and become sincere in our faith, InshaAllah

I have found that this inclination to the Jama'at has helped me to find my purpose in life. Similarly, my attachment to Khilafat has led me along this path where I can serve my faith and create a stronger connection with God by serving Him and His creation every day of my life, InshaAllah.

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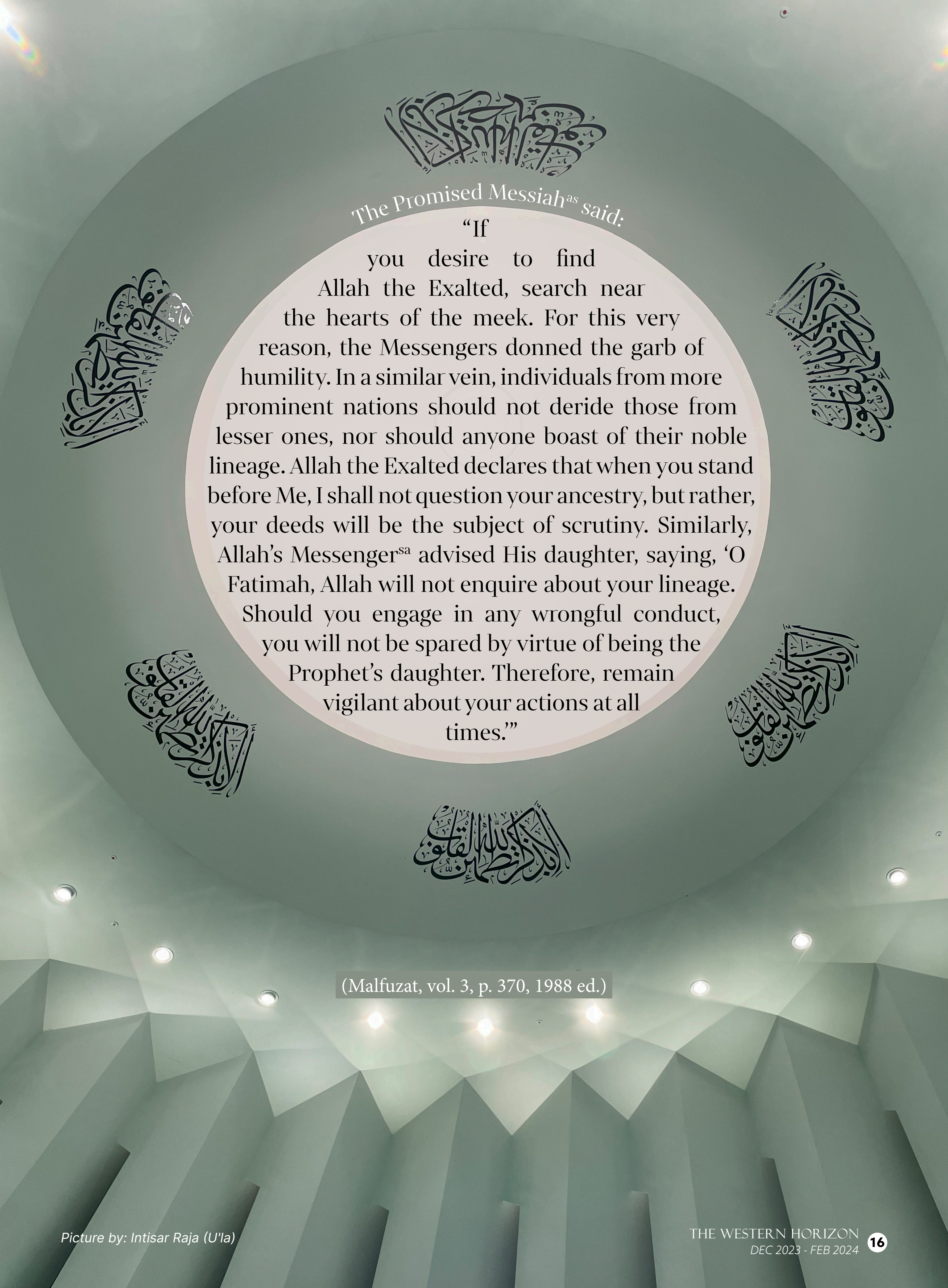
منظوم کلام

نونہالانِ جماعت مجھے کچھ کہنا ہے
پر ہے یہ شرط کہ ضائع مرا پیغام نہ ہو
رغبتِ دل سے ہو پابند نماز و روزہ
نظر انداز کوئی حصۂ اَحکام نہ ہو
پاس ہو مال تو دو اُس سے زکٰوۃ و صدقہ
فکرِ مسکیں رہے تم کو غمِ ایّام نہ ہو
سیلف رسپکٹ کا بھی خیال رکھو تم بے شک
یہ نہ ہو پَر کہ کسی شخص کا اِکرام نہ ہو
عُسر ہو یُسر ہو تنگی ہو کہ آسائش ہو
کچھ بھی ہو بند مگر دعوتِ اسلام نہ ہو
منّ و احسان سے اَعمال کو کرنا نہ خراب
رشتۂ وصل کہیں قطع سرِ بام نہ ہو

(کلامِ محمود، صفحہ ۹۶تا۹۷)



The Promised Messiah$^{\text{as}}$ said:

"If you desire to find Allah the Exalted, search near the hearts of the meek. For this very reason, the Messengers donned the garb of humility. In a similar vein, individuals from more prominent nations should not deride those from lesser ones, nor should anyone boast of their noble lineage. Allah the Exalted declares that when you stand before Me, I shall not question your ancestry, but rather, your deeds will be the subject of scrutiny. Similarly, Allah's Messenger$^{\text{sa}}$ advised His daughter, saying, 'O Fatimah, Allah will not enquire about your lineage. Should you engage in any wrongful conduct, you will not be spared by virtue of being the Prophet's daughter. Therefore, remain vigilant about your actions at all times.'"

(Malfuzat, vol. 3, p. 370, 1988 ed.)

Picture by: Intisar Raja (U'la)

WHY I CAME TO JAMIA

Mumahhidah (First Year)

Usman Ali

I'm from Bradford, Ontario. I came to Jamia to fulfill my Waqf-e-Nau pledge. Also, beloved Huzoor[aa] said that the best field for Waqf-e-Nau is to go to Jamia and serve the Jama'at.

Musawwir Muzaffar

I was born and raised in Calgary, Alberta. I enjoy reading, nature, cities, and sports. I strive to live a meaningful and purposeful life. That is why I came to Jamia.

Faras Ahmad

I am from South Virginia, USA. I came to Jamia because I wanted to serve Allah's religion, and I found the lives of missionaries inspiring.

Hazqeel Ahmad Khan

I am from Adelaide, Australia. I came to Jamia after realizing the passion and motivation I have for serving the Jama'at. I realized that it is the best way to fulfill my Waqf.

Naman Naeem Ahmad

I am from South Virginia Jama'at, USA. The reason I chose to come to Jamia was that when I was younger, I used to hang around with Murabbian, and they used to influence me a lot. I used to go to the Mosque early to try and listen to any Jamia stories they used to have while my friends went to Jamia. I heard many fascinating stories about how hostel life was and how blessed this institution is. That is why I came to Jamia to be a part of this blessed Nizam of becoming a Mubaligh.

اسلامی طریق سے نیا سال منانا

منصر عالم
(درجہ ثانیہ)

ہر سال ایک ایسا وقت آتا ہے جس میں سب لوگ اکٹھے ہوتے ہیں تاکہ وہ وقت کے گزر جانے کی خوشی منائیں، کہ ان کو اب تک کتنی کامیابیاں نصیب ہوئی ہیں، اور آگے کتنی اور کامیابیاں مقدر ہیں۔ لوگ رزولوشن بناتے ہیں کہ وزن کم کریں گے، جِم جائیں گے، کتابیں زیادہ پڑھیں گے، وغیرہ۔ پھر نئے سال کے موقع پر لوگ ساری رات پارٹی کرتے رہتے ہیں اور جتنا ان کا بس چلتا ہے اپنی نفسانی خواہشات کو پورا کرتے ہیں۔ اور پھر نئے سال کے پہلے روز وہ نشے کی حالت میں گھر جاتے ہیں تاکہ وہ پورا دن اپنے بستر میں لیٹیں اور کچھ نہ کریں۔ کیا یہ دنیا میں نیا سال منانے کا سب سے مہذب طریق ہے؟

خوش قسمتی سے اسلام نے ہم مسلمانوں کو ان تمام بے ہودہ اور فضول رسومات سے نجات دی ہے۔ اسلام ایک ایسا زبردست مذہب ہے کہ وہ ہمیں زندگی گزارنے کا ایک احسن طریق سمجھاتا ہے ۔ وہ ہمیں اصلی خوشی تک رہنمائی کرتا ہے اور وہ ہمیں حقیقی اور دائمی کامیابی کی کنجیاں دیتا ہے۔

کوئی شخص بھی رسول کریم صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کے مبارک اُسوہ کو دیکھ کر اسلام کی پاک تعلیمات کا صحیح فہم حاصل کر سکتا ہے۔ آپ کے ہر فعل کے ساتھ ذکرِ الٰہی بھی لازم وملزوم تھا۔ مثلاً جب بھی آپ ہلال کو دیکھتے تھے تو آپ یہ دعا کرتے: ”اے اللہ اس کو ہمارے اوپر برکت اور ایمان اور امن اور اسلام کے ساتھ لے آ“ (ترمذی)۔ لہٰذا نہ صرف ہر نئے سال کے لیے بلکہ ہر نئے مہینہ کے لیے ہمیں اللہ تعالیٰ کے حضور دعا کرنی چاہیئے کہ وہ ہمارے لیے اس کو ہر لحاظ سے بابرکت فرمائے۔

چنانچہ ایک سچے مومن کے لیے ہر نیا سال خدا تعالیٰ کی حمد کرنے کے لیے اور اس کے بے حد انعامات کو یاد کرنے کے لیے ایک بہترین موقع بنتا ہے۔ نیز ایک ایسا بھی موقع ہوتا ہے کہ ہم پختہ عزم کریں کہ خدا تعالیٰ کا قرب پانے کے لیے ہم خاص کوشش کریں گے اور اس کی مخلوق پر احسان کریں گے۔ اس ضمن میں حضورِ انور ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ بنصرہ العزیز ہمیں ہدایت فرماتے ہیں کہ ہر نئے سال کے موقع پر ایک احمدی کو چاہیئے کہ وہ تہجد پڑھے تاکہ خدا تعالیٰ کی برکات کا وارث بن سکے۔ پھر اپنے جمعہ خطبہ مؤرخہ ۲۳ دسمبر ۲۰۲۱ء، حضورِ انور ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ بنصرہ العزیز نے فرمایا کہ درود شریف اور استغفار کے علاوہ احمدی نئے سال کے لیے یہ دو قرآنی دعائیں بھی پڑھیں۔

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوْبَنَا بَعْدَ اِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَ هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَّدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً ۚ اِنَّكَ اَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ

”اے ہمارے ربّ! ہمارے دلوں کو ٹیڑھا نہ ہونے دے بعد اس کے کہ تو ہمیں ہدایت دے چکا ہو۔ اور ہمیں اپنی طرف سے رحمت عطا کر۔ یقیناً تو ہی ہے جو بہت عطا کرنے والا ہے۔“ (سورۃ آلِ عمران، آیت ۹)

رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوْبَنَا وَ اِسْرَافَنَا فِيْٓ اَمْرِنَا وَ ثَبِّتْ اَقْدَامَنَا وَ انْصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكٰفِرِيْنَ

اور ان کا قول اس کے سوا کچھ نہ تھا کہ انہوں نے عرض کیا اے ہمارے ربّ! ہمارے گناہ بخش دے اور ہمارے معاملہ میں ہماری زیادتی بھی۔ اور ہمارے قدموں کو ثبات بخش اور ہمیں کافر قوم کے خلاف نصرت عطا کر۔ (سورۃ آلِ عمران، آیت ۱۴۸)

جیسے کہ ہم اس نئے سال میں داخل ہوتے ہیں، ہمیں اس کی اہمیت سمجھنی چاہیئے اور مسلسل دعا کرنی چاہیئے کہ ہمیں اس نئے سال میں الٰہی نصرت اور کامیابی عطا فرمائے۔ خصوصاً ہم جامعہ کے طلباء کے لیے ہر نیا سال اپنا محاسبہ کرنے کے لیے ایک بہترین موقع ہے۔ ہمارے پاس صرف سات سال ہیں اپنی اصلاح کے لیے اس سے پہلے کہ ہم فارغ التحصیل ہو کر فیلڈ میں چلے جائیں۔ پس ۲۰۲۴ء میں داخل ہونے سے پہلے ہمیں اپنے آپ سے پوچھنا چاہیئے کہ کیا ہم ایک مربی کے معیار کے مطابق زندگی بسر کر رہے ہیں؟ اس پچھلے سال میں ہم نے دینِ اسلام کتنا سیکھا ہے؟ ہم نے کتنی بری عادتیں چھوڑ دیں اور کتنی نیک عادتیں اپنا لی ہیں؟ کیا ہم اپنا خدا تعالیٰ کے ساتھ تعلق بڑھانے کی اس طرح بھرپور کوشش کر رہے ہیں جیسے کے ہم نے جامعہ میں داخل ہونے کے وقت خواہش کی تھی؟

باقی دنیا رات کے وقت اٹھی ہوئی ہو گی، پارٹی کرتے ہوئے، شراب پیتے ہوئے۔ ہم بھی رات کے وقت اٹھیں گے۔ مگر اپنے رب کے حضور دعا کرتے ہوئے۔

ذکرِ مسرور

جانِ قلب تو تو ہے
تیرے ذکر میں سکوں ہے

تیری آنکھوں میں بس نور ہے
تیرے لفظوں میں اک سرور ہے

انسان ہوں میں بس بے قرار
تیرے وجود کا ہوں متلاشی

زمیں کے فاصلے کی کیا انتہا
جب محبوب ہو قلب میں سدا

میری جاں فدا ہو تیرے حضور
تیرے ذکر میں فنا ہوں اے مسرور

تو ہے بادشاہ زمیں
تجھ پر سلام ہو اے بادشاہ مسلمیں

مسرور ہے محبوبِ خدا
نمونہ ہے تو اے غلامِ مصطفیٰ

سب کی زباں پہ ہے تیرا نام
سب کی جاں ہو تجھ پر قرباں

مستقل ہیں ہم غلام تیرے حضور
مستقل ہے یاد تیری اے مسرور

(حمزہ کبیر چغتائی)

حمزہ چغتائی
(درجہ ثالثہ)

حقوق العباد

ريّان بال
(درجة الثانية)

اِنَّ اللّٰهَ يَاۡمُرُ بِالۡعَدۡلِ وَالۡاِحۡسَانِ وَاِيۡتَآئِ ذِى الۡقُرۡبٰى وَيَنۡهٰى عَنِ الۡفَحۡشَآءِ وَالۡمُنۡكَرِ وَالۡبَغۡىِۚ يَعِظُكُمۡ لَعَلَّكُمۡ تَذَكَّرُوۡنَ (16:91)

قبل أربعَةَ عَشَرَ قَرْنًا، بعث اللّٰهُ النّبيَّ محمداً لِلنّاسِ كُلِّهِم، عندما غَرَقُوا في المادِّيَةِ والدُّنيا. و إمْتَلَكَ هذا النبيُّ أفضلَ أخلاقٍ في العالمِ؛ الصدق، الوفا، الجُرْأَةُ- ولكن اليوم، سأتحدث معكم عن مُساعَدَتِهِ، أو بعبارةٍ أخرى معنى حقوقِ العباد.

يفصّل اللّٰهُ تعالى لنا معنى حقوقَ العباد في الآيةِ الّتي قَرَأْتُها أمامكم. و كما جَوهَرُ عِبادِ اللّٰهِ وارِدٌ في ’’وَمَا خَلَقۡتُ الۡجِنَّ وَالۡاِنۡسَ اِلَّا لِيَعۡبُدُوۡنِ‘‘، جوهرُ حقوقِ العِبادِ وارِدٌ في هذه الآية.

فإذا نريد أن نَطيعَ اللّٰهَ، أوَّلًا يجب أن نعدلَ بين النّاسِ في أيِّ حالةٍ، يعني لِلظّالِم و لِلمَظلوم كما أرشدنا نَبِيُّنا ﷺ. ثانيًا، العملُ الذي أعْلى مِنَ العدلِ مَرتَبَةَ الإحسان؛ عندما يعمل الرّجلُ الصّالحاتِ و لا يَتَوَقَّعُ أيَّ شيءٍ في المُقابِلِ حتى إذا ظُلِمَ.

و، المَرحَلَة التالية تَأْتي في هذه الآيةِ ايتاء ذى القربى؛ إذا يعمل الرّجلُ الصّالحاتِ نَتيجَةَ الدَّفعِ الطَّبيعِيِّ.

إذا نريدُ أن نتكلمَ عن حقوقِ العبادِ،لا بُدَّ لنا أن نُلاحِظَ الفئَاتَ المختلفةَ الّتي علينا أن نفي حقوقها. خَطَبَ سيّدنا أميرُ المؤمنينَ عن هذا الموضوع، و يمكن أن نستفيدَ منه.

أوّلًا، عَلّمَنا الاسلام حقوقَ الاصدقاءِ، ولْنُصادِقْ الذين لهم القلوبَ الطّاهرةَ، و كما قال سيدنا محمد، ’’فَالْيَنظِرْ أحدُكم مَن يُّخالِل.‘‘

و علينا أن نُوَفِّي حقوقَ المَرضى، فَلْنَزورَهم وَلْنَعْتَني بِهِم، كما قال سيدنا محمد: "أَطْعِمُوا الْجَائِعَ، وَعُودُوا الْمَرِيضَ، وَفُكُّوا الْعَانِيَ." و لِلّذى يفعل ذلك أجْرٌ كبيرٌ.

إلى جانب ذلك، يجب أن نفهمَ حقوقَ الزّوجاتِ في الإسلامِ. هذا هو الدّينُ الوحيدُ الذي يُعطي المَرْأَةَ حقوقَها. في الإسلامِ، و في الزَّواجِ خاصَةً، يجب على الرّجلِ أن يُّعاملَ زوجتَهُ باللُّطْفِ والإحترامِ. الإسلامُ يَشمَلُ النساء في حقوق المِيرَاثِ و الفَريضةِ. في الإسلامِ، ’’الجنّةُ تحت أقدامِ الأُمّهاتِ.‘‘

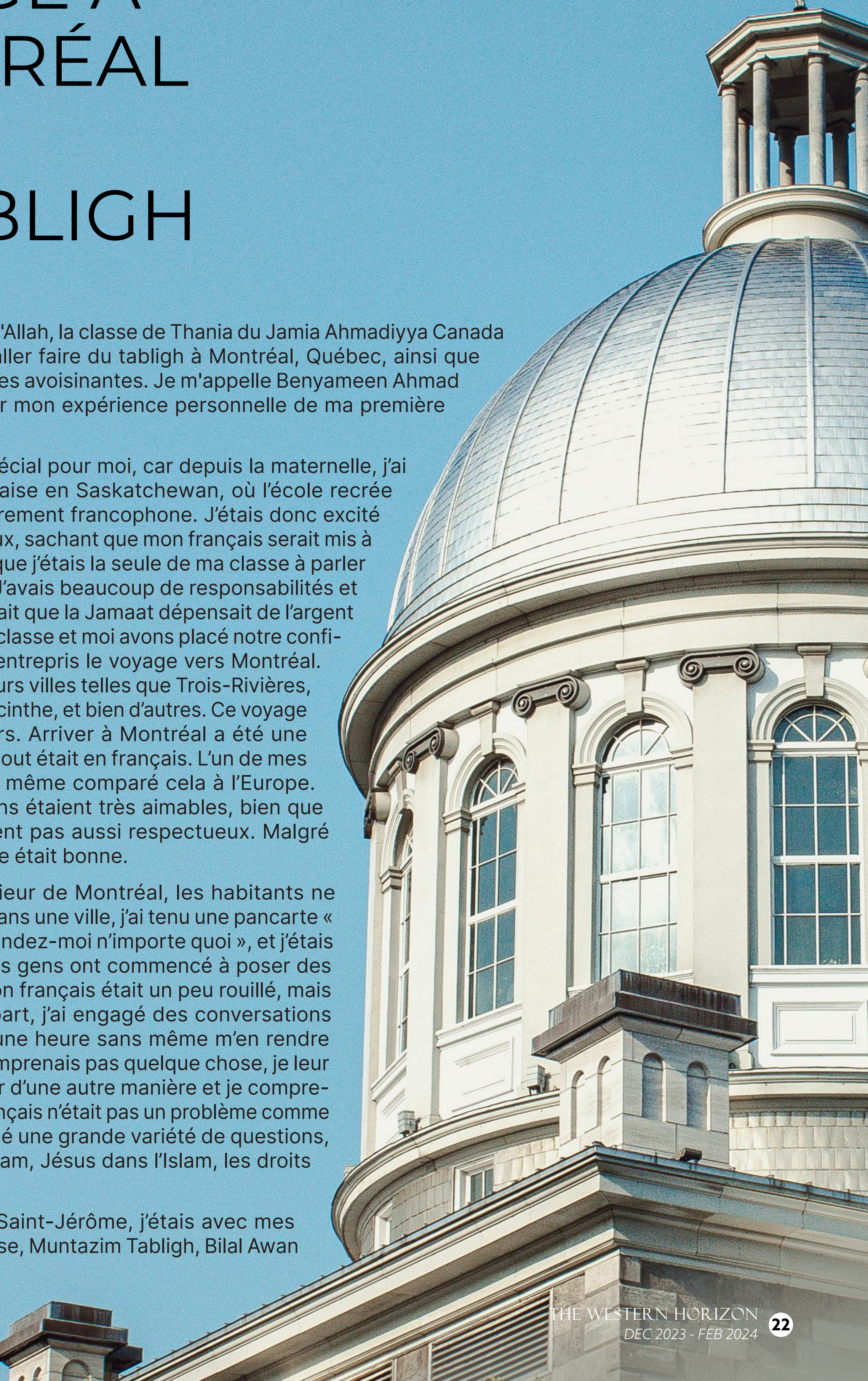
في مجتمعنا و في هذه الأيّام، نجد كثيرًا مِّنَ الإكْتِئَابِ والقَضايا الدَّاخِلِيَّةِ والجَريمَةِ والفَقْرِ والمَشاكِلِ الأُخرٰى. و بما أنّنا سنكونُ مرَبّينَ، يجب علينا أن نُواجِهَ هذا الشَّرَّ من خلال صلاتَنا ودعانا و روحانيّتَنا. هكذا، يمكن أن نساعدَ النَّاس. ولكن، كما قال سيدنا المسيح الموعود: ’’إذا لم يساعدْ الرجلُ الآخرينَ، فإنه يُصبِحُ تَدْرِيجِيًّا مِثلَ الحيواناتِ.‘‘

وفي النهايةِ، أَختِمُ هذا المقال بِأبْياتٍ شِعْرِيَّةٍ لِلإمامِ المهدي عن كيف مَجيئِهِ يساعِدُ الناسَ أجمَعين، حيث يقول حضرته:

أَحاطَ النّاسَ مِن طَغوٰى ظَلَامٌ-
عَلاماتٌ بِها عُرِفُ الإمامُ-
فلا تَعْجَبْ بما جئنا بِنورٍ-
بَدَتْ عينٌ إذا اشْتَدَّ الأُوامُ-

By **Benyameen Ahmad**
(Thaniyah)

VOYAGE À MONTRÉAL POUR LE TABLIGH



Par la bénédiction d'Allah, la classe de Thania du Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada a eu l'honneur d'aller faire du tabligh à Montréal, Québec, ainsi que dans plusieurs villes avoisinantes. Je m'appelle Benyameen Ahmad et je vais partager mon expérience personnelle de ma première visite à Montréal.

Ce voyage a été très spécial pour moi, car depuis la maternelle, j’ai été en immersion française en Saskatchewan, où l’école recrée un environnement entièrement francophone. J’étais donc excité mais aussi un peu nerveux, sachant que mon français serait mis à l’épreuve, d’autant plus que j’étais la seule de ma classe à parler couramment la langue. J’avais beaucoup de responsabilités et j’étais préoccupé par le fait que la Jamaat dépensait de l’argent pour nous. Pourtant, ma classe et moi avons placé notre confiance en Allah et avons entrepris le voyage vers Montréal. Nous avons visité plusieurs villes telles que Trois-Rivières, Saint-Jérôme, Saint-Hyacinthe, et bien d’autres. Ce voyage de tabligh a duré 4 jours. Arriver à Montréal a été une expérience étrange car tout était en français. L’un de mes camarades de classe a même comparé cela à l’Europe. Dans l’ensemble, les gens étaient très aimables, bien que certains ne se montraient pas aussi respectueux. Malgré cela, l’ambiance générale était bonne.

Dans les villes à l’extérieur de Montréal, les habitants ne parlaient que français. Dans une ville, j’ai tenu une pancarte « Je suis musulman, demandez-moi n’importe quoi », et j’étais nerveux, mais bientôt les gens ont commencé à poser des questions. Au début, mon français était un peu rouillé, mais ensuite, sorti de nulle part, j’ai engagé des conversations pendant 30 minutes à une heure sans même m’en rendre compte. Quand je ne comprenais pas quelque chose, je leur demandais de l’expliquer d’une autre manière et je comprenais. Alhumdulillah, le français n’était pas un problème comme je le pensais. On m’a posé une grande variété de questions, telles que le Dieu de l’Islam, Jésus dans l’Islam, les droits des femmes, etc.

Lorsque nous étions à Saint-Jérôme, j’étais avec mes deux camarades de classe, Muntazim Tabligh, Bilal Awan

Sahib et Munassar Alam Sahib, quand soudain un gars est venu vers nous et nous a dit : « Soyez prudents. La police ici pourrait vous arrêter pour cela. » Les gens ici avaient des opinions très biaisées. Mais nous n'allions pas laisser la police nous arrêter, alors nous avons continué à faire du Tabligh. Alhamdulillah, j'ai eu un contact là-bas. Nous débattions à-propos de Ismaël (psl) étant la personne qui était sur le point d'être sacrifiée, et non pas Isaac, selon les chrétiens.

Par ailleurs, j'ai eu plus de contacts dans différents endroits. Mais un contact qui s'est démarqué était un homme (je ne mentionnerai pas son nom par souci de confidentialité comme il l'a demandé) que j'ai rencontré au centre-ville de Montréal. Je prêchais l'Islam, et cette personne est venue vers moi et nous avons commencé à parler. Il m'a invité à prendre un café avec lui. Cinq heures plus tard, nous nous sommes retrouvés et j'étais accompagné d'un camarade de classe, Ata-ul-Karim Sahib. Nous avons discuté de différentes allégations concernant l'Islam. Par exemple, si la religion de l'Islam est pure, alors pourquoi ses adeptes sont-ils corrompus ? Pourquoi le Prophète Muhammad (SA) a-t-il « tué » 300 Juifs de Banu Quraizah ? Il était très instruit dans différentes religions et connaissait également beaucoup l'histoire de l'Islam. Nous avons également discuté de nos différences par rapport aux autres musulmans. Comment nous plaçons le Saint Coran au-dessus des Hadiths, etc. Il était très satisfait et a dit que si j'avais embrassé l'Islam, j'aurais rejoint l'Ahmadiyyat. Cela nous a rendus très heureux.

Que Dieu le guide vers le droit chemin. Ameen!

Durant ce voyage, nous étions également accompagnés de deux missionnaires, Murabbi Nabeel Mirza Sahib et Raza Shah Sahib. Des Khuddam de Montréal nous ont également rejoints afin que nous puissions visiter le plus de villes possible. Après la prière de Fajr, Murabbi Nabeel Mirza Sahib nous a parlé et nous a conseillé sur la manière de poursuivre notre Tabligh et de maintenir le contact. Nous étions logés à la mosquée de Saint-Michel. Les conseils qu'il nous a donnés ont été très utiles.

“Il y a eu aussi un dernier incident que j'ai trouvé intriguant. Nous sommes allés dans une église

à Sainte-Sophie et nous nous sommes sentis très nerveux car il y avait un sermon, et c'était notre première fois dans une église. Le sermon étais long, alors nous sommes revenus après un certain temps. Nous avons eu un rendez-vous avec le prêtre de cette église et nous avons appris plus tard qu'il venait du Cameroun. Nous lui avons expliqué que nous étions là pour promouvoir la paix entre les différentes religions et établir des contacts, et que nous pourrions peut-être organiser un programme interconfessionnel ensemble à l'avenir. Ensuite, nous avons parlé de l'Ahmadiyyat, et il s'est avéré qu'il connaissait l'Ahmadiyyat d'Afrique. Il était très heureux et, à la fin, il a sorti son téléphone et a pris un selfie avec moi, Muntazim Tabligh, Bilal Awan, et Munassar Alam Sahib.

Ce sont quelques-unes de nos expériences de tabligh que ma classe et moi avons beaucoup appréciées. Nous tenons à remercier Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada et Khudamul Ahmadiyya de nous avoir donné une opportunité aussi incroyable de prêcher le message de l'Islam et la Jamaat de Montréal de nous avoir hébergé et aidé. Qu'Allah bénisse tous ceux qui ont participé à ce voyage et continue d'accorder au Jamaat le succès dans la propagation de son message, Ameen!

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